

body; that the only reason alleged why his claim was not allowed at the time was, that he was not recommissioned by the Governor, for the short period between the adjournment of the Legislature and the going into operation of the new Prison law, on the 1st of the following March.

Your petitioner, in conclusion, humbly prays for relief, all and singular, in the premises.

WM. F. ROBERTSON, M. D.

IAMONIA, LEON COUNTY, FLA., January 10, 1877.  
*The State of Florida, to Wm. F. Robertson, M. D., Lieutenant-Quartermaster, Commissary, &c., State Penitentiary:*  
 August 22, 1870—To commission on \$4,137.09, received from Bauknight & Haines, for work of Penitentiary Convicts on J. P. & M. Railroad.....\$206 85  
 August 22, 1870—To Salary as Acting-Surgeon State Penitentiary, from 1st October, 1869, to date, at \$50 per month.....\$535 50  
 \$742 35

Mr. Ferguson moved that it be referred to the Committee on Claims;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Meacham moved to go into Executive Session;

Which was agreed to.

The door being opened, Mr. Meacham moved to adjourn until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock;

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

#### SATURDAY, January 13, 1877.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—17.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Barnes, the reading of yesterday's Journal was dispensed with.

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. Walls introduced Senate bill No. 7:

To be entitled an act to extend the provisions of the Seminary Funds of the State of Florida to all the children of the State;

Which was received and referred to the Committee on Education, with instructions to print one hundred copies.

The petition of Wm. F. Robertson was taken up, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Meacham introduced the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the State be, and is hereby, requested to furnish to the Senate the names of all defaulting tax collectors of revenue, and the amounts they are in defalcation, from January, 1860, to 1877.

Mr. Brantley moved to lay the resolution on the table.

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Lykes, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Walls and Weeks—13.

Nays—Messrs. Ferguson, Long, Meacham, Osgood and Wallace—5.

So the motion to lay upon the table prevailed.

Mr. Walls moved to reconsider;

Upon which the yeas and nays being called for, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Lykes, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—13.

Nays—Messrs. Hill, Long, Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—6.

So the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. Walls moved that the resolution offered by him on yesterday, relative to the adjournment of the General Assembly on the 25th of January, be reconsidered.

The President ruled the motion out of order.

Mr. Walls then moved that the journal of yesterday be so corrected as to show that he voted in the affirmative as to adjournment.

Mr. Wallace offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State be requested to report to the Senate all bills passed by the last session of the Legislature, and vetoed by the Governor, and not reported to the Senate at said session.

Mr. Cottrell moved to refer the resolution to the Judiciary Committee;

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, January 13, 1877. }

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

Senate Bill No. 3:

To be entitled an act to Permanently Locate the Line of Manatee and Monroe Counties, have examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,  
F. M. WEEKS, Chairman.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Cottrell, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, made the following report:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act regulating the Fees of County Surveyors in this State, have had the same under consideration, and instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend that the same be amended by striking out all of the bill after the enacting clause, and inserting the amendment reported herewith in lieu thereof, and do recommend its passage as amended.

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Chairman.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

A message was received from the Assembly.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion, the report of the Judiciary Committee was taken up and read.

The following amendment was recommended by the Committee in lieu of Senate Bill No. 4:

That all County Surveyors shall be allowed five dollars per day for each day's service, to be paid by the person or persons for whom the service is done and performed.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cottrell moved that Senate Bill No. 4 be engrossed for a third reading;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 3:

To be entitled an act to Permanently Locate the County Lines of Manatee and Monroe Counties, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Cottrell moved that Assembly bill No. 13 be taken up and read by its title.

Mr. Walls moved that the bill be read entire;  
Which was agreed to, and the bill read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Cottrell, the bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee, and fifty copies ordered printed under the superintendence of the Committee on Public Printing.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., Jan. 13, 1877. }

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has appointed Messrs. Stevens and Strippling, on the part of the Assembly, on the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Very respectfully,  
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

Which was read.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., Jan. 13, 1877. }

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Assembly bill No. 13:

To be entitled an act to procure a legal canvass of the electoral vote of the State of Florida, as cast at the election held on the 7th day of November, A. D. 1876, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly.*

Which was read.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the Senate go into Executive Session;

Which was agreed to.

The doors being opened, Mr. Walls moved to adjourn until 12 o'clock M., Monday next;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. McKinnon moved to adjourn to 11 o'clock A. M., Monday next;

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

## SENATE CONFIRMATIONS.

Alfred Cone, to be Collector of Revenue for Bradford county.

Samuel Reddick, to be Commissioner of Pilotage at Cedar Keys.

R. A. Shine, to be Assessor of Revenue, Leon county.

Columbus Drew, to be Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Roger McKinne, to be Assessor of Revenue, Lafayette county.

## REMOVALS.

Seth Sterns, from the office of Assessor of Revenue of Lafayette county.

MONDAY, January 15, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—14.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the further reading of the Journal be dispensed with, and the Journal was approved as amended.

A message was received from the Assembly, which was read, and, with the accompanying bill, placed among the orders of the day:

ASSEMBLY HALL,

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 15, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed Assembly bill No. 7:

To be entitled an act to amend an act to Exempt Maimed Persons from Professional or Occupational Tax, approved February 14, 1870, and respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Mr. Barnes introduced the following joint resolution:

## JOINT RESOLUTION.

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the Judiciary Committees of the two houses be instructed to compile in a concise and systematic form the Constitution of the State as has been amended; and that 150 copies thereof be printed in pamphlet form for distribution by the Secretary of State, as follows: One copy to each of the Supreme and Circuit Court Judges; one copy to each of the heads of the different departments; one copy to each of the County Judges; One copy to each of the State Attorneys, and one copy to each member of the Senate and Assembly.

Mr. Ferguson moved the rule be waived and the resolution adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the resolution adopted.

Mr. Cottrell, on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: The Joint Committee on Enrollment report that they have examined and compared the enrollment of the act entitled an act to Provide for the Collection of State Taxes for the year 1876, with the engrossed bill, and that they find the same to be correctly enrolled.

J. L. F. COTTRELL.

Mr. Walls offered the following concurrent resolution:

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That no Senator or member of the Assembly shall absent himself or be excused unless by the unanimous consent of the Senate or Assembly, as the case may be.

Mr. Walls moved that the rule be waived and the resolution be adopted;

Upon the question of the rule being waived the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Hill, Long, Wallace and Walls—4.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Johnson, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Walker—14.

So the Senate refused to waive the rule.

Mr. McCaskill moved the indefinite postponement of the resolution;

Upon which the yeas and nays being called for, were as follows: